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1. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-151104, dated June 9, 1998 together with English language abstract;
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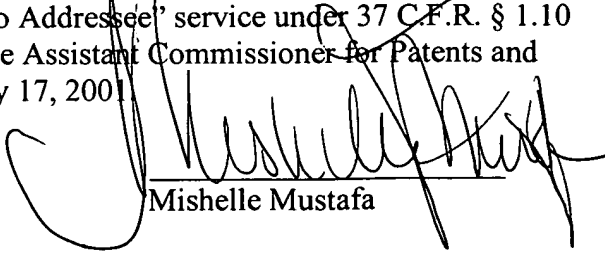
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4. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 8-313826, dated November 29, 1996 together with English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Sho 61-48333, dated March 10, 1986 together with English language abstract;
6. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 1-297043, dated November 30, 1989 together with English language abstract;
7. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 7-23278, dated January 24, 1995 together with English language abstract;
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17. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-24023, dated January 28, 1997 together with English language abstract;
18. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 8-280692, dated October 29, 1996 together with English language abstract;
19. German Patent Application No. DE 196 19 734 A1 dated November 21, 1996;
20. U.S. Patent No. 4,983,019, dated January 8, 1991 issued to Ikuno, et al.;

21. U.S. Patent No. 5,749,830, dated May 12, 1998 issued to Kaneko, et al.;
and
22. U.S. Patent No. 4,951,135, dated August 21, 1990 issued to Sasagawa, et
al.

The Japanese references were cited in a Search Report received from the International Search Authority, dated August 15, 2000. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, along with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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